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Dear David (and Richard),

Here follows my answers to your various questions from your correspondence of 5.11.2001:

### **1. Informal Pre-Trial Conference**

Timewise, I am completely flexible for this until mid-February (at least); if you wish to have our conference after that, I would ask you to give me a menu of dates, and I shall get back to you promptly having selected one.

### **2. Earnings for the financial year ending 30.6.2001**

I have enclosed a complete copy of my tax return covering that financial year. In summary, my gross income over the period was \$28,645 (see p.2 of the tax return).

### **3. Subsequent Earnings**

For the second half of 2001, I was employed at *three* tertiary institutions! The details and respective gross incomes are as follows:

i)	\$12,303 — University of Western Sydney (my usual 0.5 tenured position)
ii)	\$14,976 — University of Sydney (0.6 contract position, until 30.11.2001)
iii)	\$ 1,800 — Sydney Conservatorium of Music (casual: 12 weeks × 2 hours)
TOTAL:	\$29,079

I must emphasize that items (ii) & (iii) are strictly one-off arrangements, *for the second semester of 2001 only*: I was employed as a 'locum', to fill in for certain full-time academics who were on leave during this period. (Normally, my gross income over any six-month interval would have been a mere \$14,500.)

### **4. Dr Goldberg**

I saw Dr Goldberg on 14.12.2001; I imagine that by now you would have received his

(predictably terse) report. I also enclose his receipt for my payment to him of \$770, covering his consultation and medico-legal report.

**5. Other Expenses (accrued between 8.10.2001 and 17.12.2001) – RECEIPTS ENCLOSED**

i)	Physiotherapy (8 consultations @ \$45 each)	\$360
	Travel (8 × 5 km round trip)	40 km
ii)	Dr Goldberg (as in item 4.)	\$770
	Travel	30 km

CUMULATIVE TOTALS:      \$6763.55 (less what the NRMA has already paid me)  
                                  Car travel — 860 km

**6. Academic Pursuits (i.e. my PhD)**

I shall definitely be submitting my PhD some time during February 2002. (At present, I have just one more score to hand-copy, prior to getting the whole massive document reproduced and properly bound.) Nevertheless, after submission, it will take quite some time to appoint suitable examiners and to have them write thence return their reports to Sydney University; this usually takes several months – particularly for a thesis as large and complex as mine. I estimate that this examination process should be concluded within a year, i.e. no later than February 2003. This therefore ought to allow me to graduate with my PhD during 2003.

**7. Proposed entry into future employment at a greater remuneration level**

Given the conclusion to item 6 above, it is rather doubtful that without my PhD I would gain a promotion to Lecturer (Level B) at the University of Western Sydney [UWS] before 2004 – or perhaps even 2005. Indeed, my current lack of this postgraduate qualification has undoubtedly caused me to miss out on what would have been a golden opportunity: a half-time tenured Lectureship in Composition at UWS – not a new position – which was advertised nationally in November 2001. Since UWS policy favours the incumbent, I would certainly have needed a PhD in composition to secure this job, which is worth at least \$26,000 per annum. Moreover, the PhD qualification itself would also have permitted me to supervise PhD candidates in composition (one is not allowed to do this without a PhD); such responsibilities would have boosted my chances of both acquiring the abovementioned job and/or earning a promotion.

I look forward to catching up with you in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Shanahan.